



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 12

LCO No. 1033

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) (a) No insurer, health
2 care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
3 fraternal benefit society or other entity delivering, issuing for delivery,
4 renewing, amending or continuing in this state an individual health
5 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
6 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
7 statutes shall impose a copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket
8 expense for preventive care services.

9 (b) For the purposes of this section, "preventive care services"
10 means: (1) Annual physicals and periodic health evaluations, including
11 test and diagnostic procedures ordered in connection with routine
12 examinations such as annual physicals; (2) routine prenatal and well-
13 child care; (3) child and adult immunizations; (4) tobacco cessation
14 programs; and (5) obesity weight loss programs as prescribed by a
15 licensed physician. "Preventive care services" do not include any
16 services or benefits to treat an existing illness, injury or condition.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) (a) No insurer, health care
 18 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
 19 fraternal benefit society or other entity delivering, issuing for delivery,
 20 renewing, amending or continuing in this state a group health
 21 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
 22 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
 23 statutes shall impose a copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket
 24 expense for preventive care services.

25 (b) For the purposes of this section, "preventive care services"
 26 means: (1) Annual physicals and periodic health evaluations, including
 27 test and diagnostic procedures ordered in connection with routine
 28 examinations such as annual physicals; (2) routine prenatal and well-
 29 child care; (3) child and adult immunizations; (4) tobacco cessation
 30 programs; and (5) obesity weight loss programs as prescribed by a
 31 licensed physician. "Preventive care services" do not include any
 32 services or benefits to treat an existing illness, injury or condition.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the rate of, and high costs associated with, serious illnesses by encouraging Connecticut residents to use preventive care services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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